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HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Dedicated to our Unique History

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The **TOWN CRIER** newsletter is issued periodically to keep ESHP members and the public informed of our activities. We welcome news and feedback.

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR

We started 2015 with one of the biggest events we've ever staged, the **Smallwood Music Festival** on January 31 at the Rod & Gun Club. Hundreds of people enjoyed listening to performers on a sunny day and raised almost \$10,000 to help the Chokoloskee museum fight to keep Mamie Street open.

At our **Annual Meeting** on February 27 we heard Lynn Pierce talk about her grandfather F.J. Frankenhoff who came to ECity to work for Collier and became head of the County School Board.

During February and March we sold raffle tickets for the **Historical Quilt** designed and donated by Dayna Fendrick. The winner was selected at the movies on March 13 by which time we had collected over \$2,000 which is being used to enhance the sign on CR-29 just before the bridge.

On March 21 we helped to sponsor the **Copeland Baptist Church fundraiser** during Art-in-the-Glades by holding an auction.

We again showed **historical movies**: "Everglades Odyssey", "Wind Across the Everglades", and "Follow That Dream" with Elvis.

In April we lost one of our generous members, **James D. Brown, Jr.**, who had donated funds for the monument on the circle to his grandparents Daniel and Lucy McLeod.

We also heard of the passing of **Marjorie Davis Ivey** and appreciated that donations in her memory were directed to ESHP, thanks to her daughter Patti Davis Mahoney. A plaque in Marjorie's memory was unveiled at the Ivey House in September.

Another friend we will miss is **Olga Hirschhorn** who spear-headed the painting of the boat lift on the river near the Rod & Gun.

We sponsored the **Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet** at the end of September, grateful that the weather was kind to us this year.

Our **Welcome-Back Talk** in November was given by Ray Carroll who spoke about the days when ECity was the county seat and then asked provocative questions about how we can retain our historic heritage but keep the area vibrant.

At the end of the year, we started working with Big Cypress National Preserve to restore **Monroe Station** and launched a fund.

Thanks to everyone who made our year a success!
Marya Repko, President


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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 5: Movie Night

5:30pm, Everglades Community Church

Feb 13-14: Everglades Seafood Festival

10am-6pm, McLeod Park, Everglades City

Feb 23-27: Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival

9am-4pm, Museum of the Everglades

Feb 26: Annual Meeting & Historical Talk

5:30pm, Island Cafe

Mar 11: Movie Night

5:30pm, Everglades Community Church

Mar 12: Art-in-the-Glades

10am-2pm, McLeod Park, Everglades City

Download a calendar from our website.

ESHP BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets at 8:30 a.m. on the first Monday of the month in our Historical Library in Everglades City Hall. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, March 7**. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 71 members. Renewal notices were posted at the end of December. THANKS to everyone who replied promptly.

You can join or renew now for the 2016 year. Just fill in the form in this newsletter or see our website evergladeshistorical.org to pay with a credit/debit card.

Welcome to new members:

Jim & Pam Martindale, Dillard, GA

ANNUAL MEETING & TALK

Join us on **Friday, February 26**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Island Cafe for a brief members' meeting followed by an illustrated presentation "Pirates in Southwest Florida" by Craig Woodward. The event is free but you can order dinner off the menu. *Reservations are required.* Phone (239) 695-2905 or email ESHP@hotmail.com to book your places.

MONROE STATION RESTORATION

The fund has raised \$1,365 so far and we have heard from people who remember good times there. Our work on grant applications is now top priority.

For info about this project, call (239) 695-2905 or see evergladeshistorical.org.



News from the Historical Library



If you would like to give old books, newspapers, or photos to the Historical Library on the second floor of City Hall, where they are safe from storms, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.



HISTORIC MOVIE MADE HERE

Hollywood came to Everglades City in 1957 with a star cast to film "Wind Across the Everglades", the story of plume hunters in the early 1900s.

Burl Ives, Gypsy Rose Lee, and Christopher Plummer had the leading roles but also playing their parts were Emmet Kelly (the clown) and a young Peter Falk. Local talent included Totch Brown (who sang as "One-Note") and Cory & Mary Osceola.

The production team, headed by Stuart Schulberg, took over the Rod & Gun and changed the Depot into a station in the Miami area. They also used buildings along Broadway where the tennis courts are now and even created some dummy ones (*see photo*).

The film will be shown on **Friday, February 5**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall behind the Everglades Community Church. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge but *reservations are required*. To book your places, email ESHP@hotmail.com or phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.

EVERGLADES SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

ESHP will have a booth opposite the Museum to tell the thousands of visitors how we strive to save our historic heritage. For info and schedule of events, see evergladesseafoodfestival.org.



MSD FESTIVAL

This is the 12th year that the Museum of the Everglades has hosted a week of walks and talks in honor of Marjory Stoneman Douglas, the revered environmentalist who wrote the famous book *The Everglades; River of Grass* in 1947.



Highlight of the week is the talk on **Tuesday, February 23**, by Franklin Adams who will share memories of his friendship with MSD. Other presentations during the festival include those about the Fakahatchee, Barron Collier, and the Seminoles.

On the last day, **Saturday, February 27**, ESHP will have a booth at the special Art-in-the-Glades in front of the Museum.

For info, call (239) 695-0008 or see evergladesmuseum.org.